

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The Warren County Commissioners met for their second meeting of the month of February 2020.

Commissioners present for the meeting: Clay Andrews, Adam Hanthorne, Brian Jordan.

Also, in attendance: Jud Barce, County Attorney; Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department Office Manager; Matt Herndon, Highway Supervisor; Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor; John Kuiper, Zoning Director.

Public: Hunter Armstrong, Reena Potter, Michele Stuckey, Lori Heidenreich, Nikki Elrod, Johnathan Kepp, Burt Etchison, Suzie Etchison, Neal Austin, Perry Conrad, Barb Ely, Aaron Senesac, Carolyn Orr, Mark Straw, Craig Greenwood, Leslie Fisher.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan.
2. Brian Jordan, Commissioner led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Add Williamsport-Washington Township Library Board Appointment, SWCD Leslie Fisher. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the January 3, 2020 meetings minutes with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the February 3, 2020 thru February 18, 2020 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the February 14, 2020 payroll dockets with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - e. Highway Department – Hobaugh discussed the federal grant for bridge #92 and explained the grant was approved as an 80/20 grant with estimate of \$1,135,000 from Janssen and Spaans. During the interview with INDOT the funds will be here in 2025 but INDOT did not feel the estimate was enough. The federal grant was approved for \$760,000. Herndon discussed with Susan Kemp, INDOT, who explained the grant is for only construction cost and 80% of the preliminary engineering will be given back, but can apply for more funding in the future. Herndon met with Milestone who estimated the bridge at \$1.5 – \$1.8 million. Bridge inspection in August will tell us more concerning the bridge. The funds can be sent back as the county will be spending over \$1,000,000 on this. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to decline the federal funding for bridge #92 with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor. Hobaugh presented a 1-year contract quote with ERS concerning the highway radios at \$5,289.56 which is unchanged from previous 3 years. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the ERS contract for \$5,289.56 with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor. Herndon explained he is still looking for replacement bucket truck. Clay Andrews inquired about the Eberhardt road work that had been previously discussed.
 - f. Bridge #66 Bid Opening – Hobaugh opened the bid from White Construction of Clinton Indiana in the amount of \$632,850. This is part of the Community Crossing Grant. The County will receive \$379,000 from the grant leaving \$253,850 for the County. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the bid from White Construction with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - g. County wide Copier Agreement – Weston-Hubner presented a 1-year county wide copier maintenance agreement from Cardinal Copier for \$4,100. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the contract with a second from for \$4,100 Adam, all voted in favor.
 - h. Pine Village Fire Department Technical Rescue Agreements – There were many items of the agreements that were discussed and the agreements were tabled. Additionally, asking for \$13,000 for apparatus repairs. Adam Hanthorne will look further into this.
 - i. EMA Siren Maintenance Agreement – Phil Astell, EMA Director explained the maintenance agreement from Federal Field Services for \$450 per location annual maintenance, total of \$1,800. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the maintenance agreement Federal Field Services with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - j. Williamsport-Washington Township Public Library Board Appointment – Brian Jordan explained the reappointment for Theresa Ligara to the board. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to reappointment of Theresa Ligara with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.
 - k. NRCS, Leslie Fisher – Warren County Soil and Water district position. Fisher explained the SWCD position as Deb has retired but is working part time. SWCD is the title. Jordan explained he has been attending the board meetings and the Commissioners will need verification of time working. Fisher explained the employee will use a time clock. Fisher explained soil and water district partnerships with the County and residents. Warren County Annual SWD meeting is February 26th and June 5th is Field Day at Rick Clark Farm.
 - l. Add Road Use Agreement Exhibits A-H to the agenda. After discussion Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the amended agenda with a second from Brian Jordan, Adam Hanthorne opposed and Clay Andrews/Brian Jordan voted in favor.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Jordan Creek Windfarm Right of Way Agreement, Exhibit A-H of the Road Use Agreement – Hanthorne inquired about the 50-year term compared to lease holder terms. Armstrong explained the 50-year terms and lease holders 30-year term with two 10-year extensions. Hanthorne inquired about the pay schedule. Armstrong explained the fee schedule. There were several residents that questioned items in the agreement. Discussion concerning the map of overhead transmission lines. Jordan clarified if there are changes made, the Commissioners must approve the changes. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to table the Agreement until a later meeting. Clay Andrews inquired about the fee schedule concern. No second so motion dies. Clay Andrews made a motion to approve the Jordan Creek Windfarm Right of Way Agreement Exhibits A-H adding \$1,000

per overhead crossing on County right of ways with a second from Brian Jordan. Brian Jordan and Clay Andrews voted in favor; Adam Hanthorne opposed.

5. Elected Official/Department Head comments:

- a. John Kuiper, Zoning Director – Kuiper explained Bob Cary, owner, would like to donate the Ford House to the County after June 1st as he would like to get some of the bricks. Kuiper discussed the town cleanup is still in process. There will be a representative from the DNR flood plain division in the Commissioners room on March 17th from 2-4. Please call Zoning to attend.
- b. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor presented an additional claim docket for signature. The claim is for a transmission repair in a 2016 Sheriff vehicle in the amount of \$3600. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the claim with a second from Clay Andrews, all voted in favor.

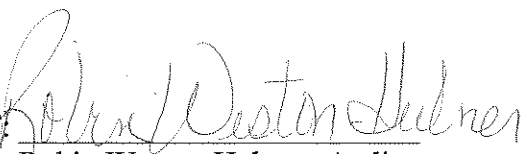
6. Public Comment:


- a. Neal Austin discussed concerns with the Jordan Creek Windfarm.
- b. Mark Straw discussed the County website suggestions.
- c. Barb Ely inquired about access to issues during the windfarm construction. The Commissioners explained the road closures, public safety. Discussed utilizing Code Red for closures.
- d. Nikki Elrod thanked the Commissioners for their hard work.
- e. Burt Etchison inquired about the liaison position for the Jordan Creek Windfarm. Jordan explained in the next month.

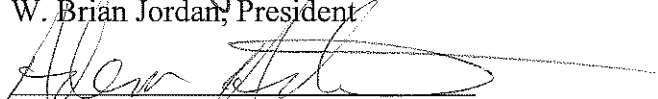
Next Commissioner meeting March 2, 2020 @ 8:30 a.m.

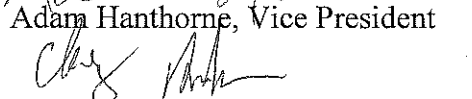
There being no further business Clay Andrews made a motion to adjourn with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

ATTEST:


Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


W. Brian Jordan, President


Adam Hanthorne, Vice President


Clay Andrews